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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
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Our Ref.: 450100-03091

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are papers constituting the above patent application which is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 without a signed Declaration. Please accord a filing date and a serial number to such application and inform the undersigned thereof so that a signed Declaration and the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. 1.16(e) may be duly filed.

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entitled:

MAGNETIC TAPE RECORDING APPARATUS AND METHOD, MAGNETIC TAPE FORMAT, AND  
RECORDING MEDIUM THEREFOR

The following are enclosed:

- ☒ Specification ( 69 pages)
- ☒ 56 Sheet(s) of Drawings
- ☒ 20 Claim(s) (including 16 independent claim(s))
- ☐ This application contains a multiple dependent claim

- ☒ Our check for \$ 1750.00, calculated on the basis of the claims as  
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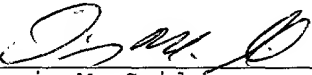
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